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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Indianapolis Centennial Committee.
Title	Indianapolis Centennial Committee collection
Date	1919-1920
Extent	0.5 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

The Indianapolis Centennial Commission began meeting November 17, 1919, including John H. Holliday (elected permanent chair) and other illustrious residents of the city, representing the Indiana Historical Society, the Board of Trade, Chamber of Commerce, Daughters of the American Revolution, the city of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Public Schools. Jacob P. Dunn was elected chair of the committee to select the date for the celebration and also of the History Committee. The Centennial Commission grew to encompass nearly two hundred people, with various responsibilities.

The celebration started June 5, 1920 at Tomlinson Hall, with other activities through the 9th, including a parade on the 7th, and the pageant on June 8 at the State Fair Coliseum. Compared to many of the Statehood Centennial celebrations, the Indianapolis Centennial was not quite as reverent with its subject matter. William Bates, the author, felt that "quite a number of quaint and amusing things have happened in Indianapolis within the past hundred years, and if some of them have crept into this picture they may be welcomed by those who delight not in dry-as-dust annals." More attention was paid to early events rather than those remembered by the still living, and "in doing so only a general sequence of events has been attempted, and the calendar has been condensed with a freedom bordering upon disrespect." Some of the events they portrayed included the following: An Indian chant; Settling of Pioneers; An attack by an Indian looking for whisky; Platting the town with a roll-call of prominent early settlers; An interpretive dance with the enemies of mud and malaria; Finishing the Madison Railroad; The Civil War; A Ballet of gifts to the city.

Information found within the collection.

"Indianapolis Centennial Commission". Other Centennial Celebrations. Retrieved 2015/04/17. <https://secure.in.gov/library/2522.htm>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes mimeographed, typed minutes; typed or autographed, signed letters; photographs; brochures; parade float number placards; and financial reports from the Indianapolis Centennial Commission and various vendors in Indianapolis, Indiana and elsewhere from November 17, 1919 to July 3, 1920 regarding the planning, organization, supplies needed and finances of the six day celebration planned by the Indianapolis Centennial Commission.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a records transfer from the Indiana Division.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Dunn, Jacob Piatt, 1855-1924
- Holliday, John H. (John Hampden), 1846-1921

Subject(s)

- Brochures
- Correspondence
- Financial statements
- Indianapolis (Ind.)--Centennial celebrations, etc.
- Minutes
- Photographs

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Correspondence and papers, 1919-1920	1	1